







TREATMENT PROTOCOL: OVERDOSE / POISONING (SUSPECTED) *

1. Basic airway
2. Oxygen/pulse oximetry
3. If narcotic overdose, consider
Naloxone 2mg IM or IN prior to venous access or advanced airway
4. Advanced airway prn
5. Cardiac monitor prn: document rhythm; attach ECG strip if dysrhythmia identified and refer to appropriate treatment protocol
6. Venous access prn
7. Perform blood glucose test, if blood glucose is less than 60mg/dl:
Consider oral glucose preparation, if patient is awake and alert
Dextrose
 50% 50ml slow IV push
Pediatric: See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
2yrs of age or younger: Dextrose 25% 2ml/kg slow IV push
2yrs of age or older: Dextrose 50% 1ml/kg slow IV push up to 50ml
If unable to obtain venous access:
Glucagon
 1mg IM
Pediatric: See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
8. If hypotension, use Ref. No. 1246, Non-Traumatic Hypotension Treatment Protocol
9. If alert and oriented, reassess for potential deterioration
10. If altered level of consciousness
Naloxone
0.8-2mg IVP
Titrate to adequate respiratory rate and tidal volume
If unable to obtain venous access, hypoventilation or suspicion of narcotic overdose, 2mg IM or IN (1mg per nostril for a total dose of 2mg)
 **Pediatric:** See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
11. **CONTINUE SFTP or BASE CONTACT**
12. If strong suspicion of narcotic overdose or partial response noted:
Naloxone
0.8-2mg IVP
Titrate to adequate respiratory rate and tidal volume
If unable to obtain venous access, hypoventilation or suspicion of narcotic overdose, 2mg IM or IN (1mg per nostril for a total dose of 2mg)
 **Pediatric:** See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
13. If blood glucose remains less than 60ml/dl:
Dextrose
 50% 50ml slow IV push
Pediatric: See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
2yrs of age or younger: Dextrose 25% 2ml/kg slow IV push
2yrs of age or older: Dextrose 50% 1ml/kg slow IV push up to 50ml
14. If blood glucose remains less than 60ml/dl and unable to obtain venous access:
Glucagon
1mg IM
 May be repeated every 20min two times
Pediatric: See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
15. Consider drugs of specific history. SFTP providers must contact base for order.
 - Calcium channel blocker: Calcium chloride 500-1000mg slow IV push
 - Tricyclic overdose with dysrhythmia or hypotension: Sodium bicarbonate 1mEq/kg IV push and refer to appropriate dysrhythmia treatment protocol